

Remarks

In the Office Action dated October 6, 2008, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-18 and 20-36 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Publication 2003/0172010 ("Butani"). The Examiner also objected to Claims 2 and 19 for being dependant upon a rejected base claim, but noted they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

With this response, the Applicants have amended Claim 2 so that it now includes all the limitations of previously rejected base claim 1. As the Examiner noted, the presently amended Claim 2 should now be allowable. Applicants have also amended Claims 4-5 and 7-9 so that they now depend upon Claim 2 as opposed to rejected Claim 1, and consequently Applicants believe Claims 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 are now in condition for allowance. Similarly, original claims 6 and 10-16 also depend upon claims that now include all of the limitations of amended Claim 2, and therefore are within the scope of what the Examiner identified as allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claim 2 and all claims depending there from (4-16) are now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner also stated that Claim 19 would be allowable if it were amended so that it was independent and included all the limitations of Claim 18. With this response Applicants have complied with the Examiners direction and amended Claim 19 accordingly. Claims 20, 22, 24, 25, 26, and 31 have also been amended to now depend upon amended Claim 19, and are believed to be in condition for allowance. Similarly, original claims 21, 23, 27-30 and 32-35 also depend upon claims that now include all of the limitations of amended Claim 19, and therefore are within the scope of allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claim 19 and all claims depending there from (20-35) are now in condition for allowance.

With this response Applicants also request that Claims 1, 17, 18, and 36 be canceled.

Conclusion

In view of the comments set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all presently pending Claims are allowable over the cited prior art. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has questions or comments regarding any of the foregoing, a call to the undersigned is encouraged and welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

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